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SUBJ: REDUCTIONS AT TAINAN AIR BASE

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1. AS ADDRESSEES AWARE, HIGHEST LEVEL DECISION WAS MADE
EARLY LAST YEAR TO REDUCE US PRESENCE AT TAINAN AIR BASE
TO CARETAKER STATUS BY END OF CY 74. THIS WAS CONVEYED
TO PREMIER CHIANG IN APRIL ALONG WITH OUR DECISION TO
COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF F-4'S BY END OF MAY 1975. HOW-
EVER, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TAINAN REDUCTION HAS BEEN
DELAYED FOR VARIOUS REASONS.

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2. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT CONTINUED DELAY ON TAINAN MAY CONFUSE THE ROC AND LEAD IT TO UNWARRANTED SPECULATION ABOUT OUR INTENTIONS. WE ALSO WISH TO ASSURE THAT WITHDRAWALS FROM TAIWAN ARE CAREFULLY PHASED TO MINIMIZE ADVERSE IMPACT ON ROC. IN LIGHT OF PLANNED PHASE OUT OF F-4'S AND SUPPORT STRUCTURE FROM CCK BY MAY, FURTHER DELAY ON TAINAN WOULD LEAD TO UNDESIRE BUNCHING UP OF WITHDRAWAL ACTIVITIES.

3. IN VIEW OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS, DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED TO IMPLEMENT NOW REDUCTION OF PERSONNEL AT TAINAN TO LEVEL CONSISTENT WITH CARETAKER STATUS. WE ENVISAGE MAXIMUM USE OF LOCAL CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL AT TAINAN, AND A RESIDUAL USAF PRESENCE OF 75 US PERSONNEL, INCLUDING CIVILIAN MEMBERS OF AIR FORCE LOGISTICS COMMAND CONTRACTOR DETACHMENT. MILITARY ADDRESSEES WILL SHORTLY RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS ACTION.
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